BARNES & NOBLE INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RIGGIO LEONARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

BARNES & NOBLE INC [BKS]

(Check all applicable)

Chairman of the Board

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner

C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC., 122

03/05/2008

below)

_ Other (specify

FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

NEW YORK, NY 10011

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDisposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price \$ Common 120,000 P 03/05/2008 27.2564 $D^{(2)}$ A 14,807,197 (1) Stock (1)

Common 650,000 03/06/2008 P A \$ 27.02 $D^{(2)}$ 15,457,197 Stock (3) \$

Common P 03/07/2008 Stock (4)

120,000 Α 26.6962 15,577,197 (4)

 $D^{(2)}$

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date	Title N	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RIGGIO LEONARD C/O BARNES & NOBLE, INC. 122 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011	X	X	Chairman of the Board				

Signatures

/s/ Joseph J. Lombardi, as Attorney-in-Fact 03/07/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents the purchase of 120,000 shares, pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 10b-18, in five separate transactions at per share prices ranging from \$27.1225 to \$27.3665, resulting in a weighted average purchase price per share of \$27.2564.
- Of these shares (i) 4,447,934 shares are owned indirectly through Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc., a New York corporation (2) beneficially owned by the Reporting Person, and (ii) 712,473 shares are owned indirectly in a rabbi trust established by the Issuer for the benefit of the Reporting Person.
- (3) The 650,000 shares were purchased pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 10b-18.
- (4) Represents the purchase of 120,000 shares, pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 10b-18, in seven separate transactions at per share prices ranging from \$26.42 to \$26.83, resulting in a weighted average purchase price per share of \$26.6962.

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